

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ODEIJAH LEWIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE  
WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,  
WILLOW BAER, SHERMARKE TANNIS,  
SHENA BABB, AIDAN COONEY, and  
ANDRISE D. MONGERARD,

Defendants.

No. 25-CV-1136 (RA)

ORDER

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

On April 29, 2025, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint. As the Court advised in the parties in its Order of March 10, 2025, this case will be designated for automatic referral under the Court's existing "Alternative Dispute Resolution program of mediation" if the Court denies the pending motion to dismiss. In addition, initial discovery in this case shall be conducted in accordance with the Pilot Discovery Protocols for Counseled Employment Cases ("Discovery Protocols"). A copy of the Discovery Protocols is attached to the Court's prior Order. *See* ECF No. 12.

No later than May 7, 2025, the parties shall file a joint letter stating (1) whether they agree that the case should be stayed pending resolution of the motion to dismiss and/or (2) whether they request that the Court refer the case at this time to the district's court-annexed mediation program or a magistrate judge for settlement discussions now (and, if so, indicate a preference between the two options).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 30, 2025  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Abrams', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge